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**For President---1912
WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
Of Ohio.****HIGH TRIBUTE PAID TO TAFT.**

"Undramatic courage" was one of the tributes paid to President Taft by the state convention of New York in Rochester. A happier phrase could not well have been found to characterize the unpretentious devotion to the welfare of the nation, regardless of its possible effect upon his political fortunes, which the president has displayed throughout his career as chief executive. With all the weighty problems to which he has given his personal attention and the practical solutions he has worked out, President Taft never has altered the course of his labors for results for the sake of "playing for popularity." This, in the case of a man intending to stand for re-election, displays the highest courage, and always of the unspectacular quality which characterizes the highest courage in the world.

The convention made invidious comparison, which ex-President Roosevelt has invited by his circus antics and hysterical language, between the president and the colonel, contrasting the thoughtful and dispassionate attitude of Taft toward matters of great moment with the frenzied manner of the third term in dealing with the things of which he is pleased to make "issues."

"For his patriotism, wisdom and undramatic courage," applause was given to President Taft. Such a tribute never could have been given, at any period of his career, to ex-President Roosevelt, who always has considered the dramatic quality of every act, and arranged to have it effectively press-agented before giving a thought to its possible consequences to the nation.

Not alone in the state convention of New York, says the San Francisco Post, but in the minds and hearts of the people, the unassuming manner in which President Taft has performed great services and guarded against great dangers to the country, as well as the value of those services in themselves, is coming to be appreciated at its true worth. Never in the political history of the United States has a man won public approval to such an extent without ever showing a tendency to play political tricks for the sake of attracting attention to his achievements or purposes.

Least of all has the president put forth claims for support based on some belief or assurance in regard to something yet to be done. On his record of achievement, and not on confused promises for some future performances, President Taft's claim to consideration is firmly based, and the validity of that claim is becoming recognized in increasing degree with every passing day.

"Undramatic courage" is a quality greatly needed in the president of the United States, and the people of this nation are fortunate in the opportunity which, beyond all question now, the Chicago convention will give them to re-elect the present chief executive.

A LESSON FROM BAVARIA.

"There are so few flies in Bavaria that they can in no way be regarded as a pest. This is perhaps due to the extreme cleanliness of Bavarian cities. Courtyards, alleys, vacant lots, etc., are kept clean, and the hallways and entrances to the houses are as fresh as soap and water can make them."

This is an excerpt from consular reports, and it points a moral which American cities would do well to ponder. The fly is the product of filth and uncleanness. The way to eradicate the pest lies not in "swatting it" after it has been brought into being, but in removing its every breeding place. The former method means only so much time and labor lost; the latter is effective of the end sought, as the experience and Bavaria convincingly demonstrate. There is not a city in all the country which could not, if it would, convert itself into a practically fly-less town. All that is necessary is proper co-operation on the part of the authorities and the citizenship in keeping the community clean.

It is announced that the "Razor King" plans to establish a big farm. No announcement is made as to the crops he will raise, but it is supposed that he intends to cultivate whiskers in order to promote the sale of the razors.

THE WAY OF TRUE ECONOMY.

There is a marked difference between the method of economy which the president points out to congress in his special message and that which is pursued by the appropriations committee, especially that of the house, in dealing with departmental expenditures. The one is based upon a most careful and scientific investigation of the condition of the executive branch of the government and looks to the establishment of a more consistent and businesslike plan of operation. The other is a haphazard, cheese-paring process which saves a little money but hampers the public service by a lack of consistency and failure to adhere to a definite principle.

The president's recommendations are specific and are clearly in the interest of not only more economical but more efficient service. They are the result of many months of painstaking study, and it is inconceivable that they should be ignored or neglected by congress. The estimate of \$10,000,000 of annual saving is not too high. This saving can be accomplished without in the least degree lessening the scope or character of the government's work. On the contrary, it will mean an improvement in the service, a more perfect co-ordination of parts a more businesslike transaction in every respect.—Washington Star.

The Phosphy Jaw bill, which now awaits the signature of President Taft, is not so inconsequential as its name might indicate, for it takes rank as one of the most important humane measures ever passed by congress. Its aim is to tax out of existence matches containing the deadly white phosphorus, a substance which causes a disease more loathsome than leprosy itself.

THE VETERANS' BLOOD BOILS.

Every patriotic American appreciates the spirit in which the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic have asked that the carrying of red dag be made a felony. His own blood has boiled when he has heard of Industrial Workers of the World proclaiming themselves anarchists and insulting the national emblem, of their demonstrations against law and order with marching and rioting behind what they raise as the cardinal banner of destruction and chaos.

But let us reassume the old soldiers who know what it is to suffer for the flag and would fight today to the last breath as so many of their comrades fought and fell in the sixties.

The hoboes ranting and raving about the streets of San Diego do not menace the republic. True, they are managing to make a lot of trouble for the police and law-abiding citizens; but the flag is safe and there is no prospect of a sufficient enlistment under the red banner to endanger any of the free institutions for which the veterans of the G. A. R. risked all in the years of their young manhood.

A dozen of the old soldiers could clean up that whole crowd in San Diego and drive it into the sagebrush hills of Mexico.

The best way to handle the agitators is to treat them as common offenders—make them obey the law or take the consequences. Special legislation is not required.

Let them carry flags of any color that strikes their fancy, but make them toe the line when it comes to conduct within the statutes and ordinances.—Sacramento Union.

DON'T COUNT ON HIS LOYALTY.

Some of our republican readers profess the belief that Theodore Roosevelt will stand by the nominee of the Chicago convention. They are confident that he will be loyal and not for a moment consider bolting.

Assuming that the colonel will be defeated for the nomination, as now seems certain, we fear that our friends are resting under a false sense of security. Just at this time we should not advise anyone to stake much on Roosevelt's loyalty, because loyalty is not one of the most conspicuous traits of his character.

There is no reason to suppose that Roosevelt will be any more loyal to his party after the Chicago convention than he has been to the tradition against a third term in the presidency, a custom which he affirmed as "wise" when he solemnly promised not to violate it; nor is there reason to believe that he will be more loyal to the candidate nominated than he has been to La Follette, whom he urged to enter the race and encouraged with a pledge of support.

And so we say to republicans with a lingering faith in the colonel's sincerity of purpose: Dependence on his word and the knowledge that he should be true means a grave political risk. The likelihood of a third party grows stronger every time Roosevelt gets a setback.

EVERYBODY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why is it that two deputies in the sheriff's office draw \$200 a month when the law says they shall only draw \$150 a month?

Why is it that the district attorney's office does not commence suit for the delinquent bullion tax, after all the big talk he has been making about what he was going to do in that respect?

Have the county commissioners legislative functions?

Does the auditor do his duty when he audits claims not provided for by law?

If some member of the Nye county Bar association will kindly answer these questions they will confer a favor and oblige the Bonanza and the public at large.

If the court would do its duty in regard to such matter would a judicial recall be necessary? Will anyone please answer.

No argument, based on economy, against the construction of at least two new battleships yearly can be considered valid. The nation is at peace with the world and desires the continuance of peace, but peace cannot be obtained or prolonged by relaxing our preparations for defense. There have been wars enough lately to justify the belief that the millennium is not near at hand. There have been rumors of coming wars, which, in some cases, events have not proven altogether ill-founded.

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